

Dear Environment Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly,

My name is Michael Propen . I am a resident of Orange, CT.

I am a parent and grandparent. I want to believe in a sustainable planet that all future generations can enjoy. Climate change is wreaking havoc on our country and the world with more severe storms that occur more often, with higher sea levels and severe temperature extremes. Connecticut's residents, as well as those throughout the world need leadership in combating climate change. The Environment committee has the opportunity to show real leadership for Connecticut in resolving some issues for our climate by instituting a carbon fee. . I support House Bill 5363 because it is a positive step in the fight against climate change. The consequences of climate change are already felt throughout our communities and will continue to worsen until we take serious action to curb carbon pollution. I support the pricing of carbon in Connecticut. Over 97% of scientists agree that climate change is real and human caused. Climate change has devastating consequences on the health and productivity of our communities in Connecticut, elsewhere in the US, and in the world at large. Addressing climate change is a moral imperative and a prudent path.

Economists have repeatedly stated that pricing carbon is the most effective and efficient way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; it creates incentives for both individual and systemic changes. Over 75% of 1100 economists surveyed by NYU's Institute for Policy Integrity agree that putting a price on carbon is the most economically efficient way to reduce carbon pollution. I thank the Committee for their important work in starting the conversation on this pressing issue and urge the Committee to support carbon pricing.

Thank you to the Environment Committee for starting the conversation on this pressing issue. Connecticut can become a true leader in New England and our country by adopting a progressive agenda to combat climate change. I truly believe Connecticut can position itself as a leader in the global fight against climate change by supporting strong legislation that puts a price on carbon.

I want a sustainable world that all future generations can enjoy and benefit from.

Respectfully,

Michael Propen,

Orange, CT

